



# Paws & Effect



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## Blended Families: Bringing Cats and Dogs into the Same Home

♥ BY *Katie McHenry*

**A**re you bipetual? Before you start scratching your head, “bipetual” is a term to describe someone who loves both cats and dogs – a term that has been popularized by Animal Planet’s *My Cat from Hell* star Jackson Galaxy, among others.

If you’re bipetual, or “bipaw-tisan,” as some say, you might add a new canine family member to your one-cat household, or you may bring home a feline sister for your resident pooch. The introduction of cats and dogs is no easy task, to be sure: some cats and dogs adapt to each other overnight, while other relationships might

take years to develop.

### Dog-Friendly Cats for Adoption

One benefit of adopting from rescue organizations like the SPCA of Northern Virginia is our ability to gauge whether a cat is dog-friendly, such as our playful tabby Ruby Tuesday, since many of our cat foster parents also have dogs in their homes. In addition, some FIV-positive cats need animal companionship. In these instances, someone with a cat-friendly dog could be ideal to adopt an FIV-positive cat, as the disease cannot be

transmitted between species. In fact, based on feedback from our foster parents, we believe that FIV-positive cats currently in our care, Billy and Biscuit #2, would enjoy canine companionship. (For more information on FIV-positive cats, see page 6.)

SPCA NOVA has had great success in finding forever bipetual homes for our cats and dogs. Here are a couple of stories from this year.

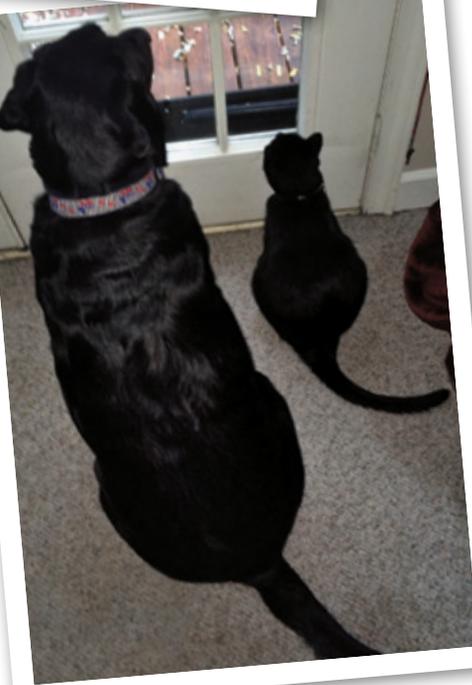
### Annie and Isaac

Isaac is an SPCA cat who was adopted by the Friedman family in April. Isaac, named for a hurricane, was rescued with his siblings the day before Hurricane Sandy struck. Sadly, he was the only kitten who survived, as his littermates succumbed to a viral infection known as feline panleukopenia.

Isaac was fostered by a woman with a lab/pit bull mix named Honey, with whom he quickly bonded, rubbing against her and always sleeping close by. Isaac’s foster mom determined that Isaac would do best in a home with a cat-friendly dog, making him the perfect fit for the Friedman family, who had adopted their lab mix, Annie, in March 2010.

Annie the dog has lived with two other cats in the time the Friedmans have had her in their home. She was especially close to the family’s calico, Noel, until the cat passed away two years ago. Afterward, Annie

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ABOVE: Annie and Isaac share a window to the world.

TOP: Baxter’s family regularly fosters cats like Tippy.

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# Best Job in the World

♥ **BY Dana Meeker**

Sometimes I think I have the **best job** in the world. I admit to being a softie but just about every week, I get choked up by the kindness of so many people. I hear from past adopters who provided for their pets into old age and had to say good-bye. It is bittersweet because it is so clear how much their animals meant to them and how much they are missed. I pass the notes on to those who cared for those animals under SPCA NOVA supervision, and we cry together.

Read the Special Thanks on page 10, and you will read about many people, many of them children, who worked really hard and rallied their fellow students, coworkers, neighbors, customers, and families to pitch in to collect supplies or raise money to help our four-legged friends.

We have done a lot this year, nearly all with volunteers with full-time jobs. We rescued and managed the care of almost 300 animals. We have found homes for more than 200 dogs and cats and continue to work on finding homes

for those remaining in our care. Our Spay Inc. program served as a one-stop resource center for the guardians of 2,700 pets who were looking for information about spaying and neutering and affordable spay/neuter services. Nearly half were referred to our participating veterinarians. The other half learned about other resources available to them in the larger metropolitan area and outside this area.

So you see why I am thankful for all the great people who keep us running. I send heartfelt thanks and wishes for a restful holiday season to them all – our devoted foster parents; committee chairs Barb and Kathleen; Loudoun PetValu adoption center organizers Hillary and Karen and all their helpers; cat and dog phone-call volunteers; cat team lead Jaishree; Lisa out at Ragged Mountain Dogs; our many dog adoption fair volunteers and Jane, the fair volunteer organizer and dog Guardian Angel program coordinator; Wendy who runs the cat Guardian Angel program and intercepts the volunteer emails;

**2014**  
by the  
numbers

**200+**  
dogs & cats  
adopted

**2700**  
animals  
referred to  
Spay Inc.

Mary who keeps our website running; Alysoun and Kelly who keep Facebook on track; Anita who manages our finances and legal obligations; Amadie who guides our communication; Angel for her beautiful graphics; and Heidi who manages our Spay Inc. program.

I hope that you will support the SPCA's work for 2015 with an end-of-year donation. If you joined in on #GivingTuesday, I thank you. If you are not a volunteer yet, I hope you will consider joining us next year. We have so much work to do and never enough time or volunteers. We are looking to make changes to help us manage the many tasks we have, as well as to be able to grow, but volunteers will always be our backbone. We need you.



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# Gordon Biersch Tapping Party Benefits SPCA NOVA

♥ BY Lyda Gould

Great lederhosen and dirndl, that's some tasty brew!

In September, Gordon Biersch of Tysons Corner held their annual Festbier Tapping party to celebrate the tapping of their most popular beer, Festbier. With each tapping party, the restaurant provides live music, free passed appetizers, and a silent auction. They also select one charity to benefit from the event. This year, SPCA of Northern Virginia was delighted to be selected as the beneficiary.

Both the owner and co-owner of this branch had adopted dogs of their own and reached out to SPCA NOVA in the

hopes of supporting a cause close to their hearts. Though the event was held on a Wednesday evening, it received a great response. Before the keg was tapped, patrons were lining up along the silent auction tables and past the SPCA NOVA information table for a generously-sized \$1 tasting. All cash from the tastings went directly to SPCA NOVA that evening; proceeds from the silent auction were donated to SPCA NOVA as well.

Silent auction items included Pilsner beer glasses, a one-year supply of Gordon Biersch brew, restaurant and movie tickets, and spa baskets, among other items. We were additionally excited to see several bidders getting into a

competitive mode – the classic “das boot,” which was also up for bid, went for more than \$75, *ja!* You could say the restaurant staff got into the spirit of things too, dressing up in costume and passing a giant glass of brew at the bar from one end to the other for the daring to chug. *Prost!*

A number of SPCA NOVA volunteers and supporters stopped in,

SPCA NOVA is the beneficiary of Gordon Biersch's annual Festbier Tapping Party, receiving funds from tastings and a silent auction.

keeping the conversation flowing and making for a lively event throughout the evening. We hope you will be able to join us at our next SPCA NOVA charity event. For future events and dates, follow us on Facebook and check our website for the latest!



Gordon Biersch staff dress the part to serve patrons during the event.



## Need Help Getting Your Pet Spayed or Neutered?

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continued to search for Noel, mourning her when she couldn't find her. Based on her clear devotion to the beloved kitty, the Friedmans knew Annie would welcome a new addition.

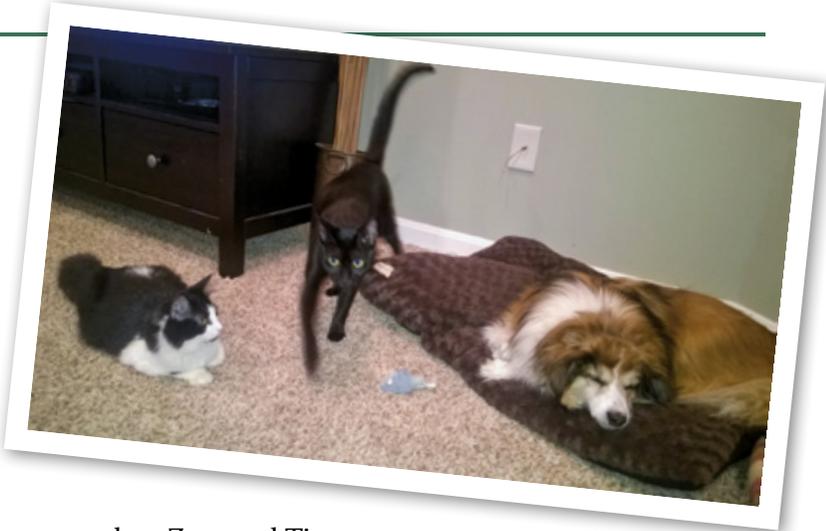
Upon bringing Isaac home, the Friedmans decided to keep him in their daughter's room, giving the kitty a safe retreat from where he could venture out as he became more comfortable with his

surroundings. They also made sure to supervise Isaac and Annie's "play dates" to make sure the interactions were peaceful, but according to Mr. Friedman, the two have mostly "figured things out for themselves" and will continue to bond over time.

These days, Annie and Isaac enjoy playing together and checking up on one another, as well as napping near each other. While they don't cuddle much yet, they sleep close by, often in the same position.

### **Baxter, Mallory, Milo, and Friends**

SPCA adopter and volunteer Karen Helm has two dogs, Baxter – whom she adopted from the SPCA – and Mallory, who came from a different rescue group. Karen also has a cat, Milo (also from the SPCA), and regularly fosters kittens,



such as Zeus and Tippy pictured in this story.

When asked for advice on integrating cats and dogs, Karen said, "I typically start my new cats/fosters out in my master bathroom for a few days and let them get settled in. There is usually a lot of sniffing and paws under the doors. Then I will swap a blanket, i.e. the dog gets one the cat has been sleeping on and vice versa, to get them acclimated.

"We then start with short-term play dates where I will use a laser pointer or feather wand, which both the cats and dogs love to play with, so they are focused on playing, [and] they really aren't that into each other. We then gradually extend the time until all are comfortable. There is usually a bit of hissing and one good swipe across the nose, and then they are fine."

### **Bipetual Resources**

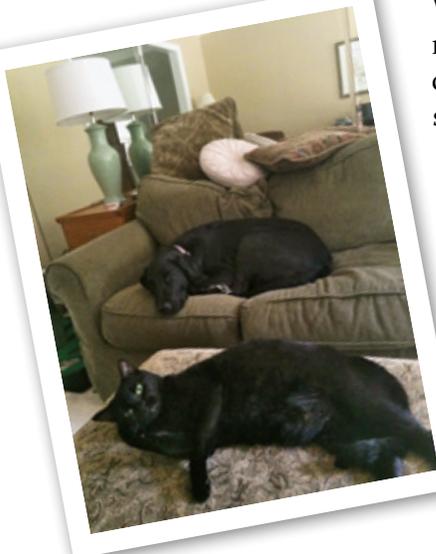
As mentioned above, the SPCA has several dog-friendly cats like

**Baxter has no problem sleeping while cats Zeus and Milo are around.**

Isaac available for adoption, including Ruby Tuesday, Billy, and Biscuit #2, should you wish to turn your home into a bipetual environment. In addition, we can offer advice to make the transition easier on everyone – feline, canine, and human alike! Just visit [www.spcanova.org/adoption/catlist.php](http://www.spcanova.org/adoption/catlist.php) to learn more about these and other dog-friendly cats.

Additionally, organizations like the ASPCA ([www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)) and the American Humane Association ([www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org)) offer online tips and advice for introducing a new cat into your dog-friendly home. Simply search their sites for "introducing cat to dog."

After all, with millions of documented interspecies friendships, not all cats and dogs end up fighting like... well, you know!



Annie and Isaac often nap near each other.

## Shopping Can Save Lives!

Finish your last-minute holiday shopping online and help SPCA NOVA at the same time. Shop at the iGive Mall, Best Bully's, or Big Dog Cares through the links at the bottom of our home page, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to SPCA NOVA!

Start your shopping at [www.spcanova.org](http://www.spcanova.org)



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10 & 24

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8 & 22

**September**  
12 & 26

**October**  
10 & 24

**November**  
7 & 21

**December**  
5 & 19

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to change, so please  
check our website for  
updates.*

# Lucky Lady Beats the Odds

♥ **BY Joan Hughes**

**W**ho would want this pathetic little dog? Not the would-be adopters at the county animal shelter who passed her by. Her age in dog years would have her on Social Security. Small dogs live a long time, though. Her skin condition and the fact that she had only a few teeth didn't call out "Adopt me!" Understandably, she wasn't jumping up and down, begging to be noticed. Perhaps euthanasia would be the merciful option.

But Barbara Cohen, chairperson of the SPCA NOVA Dog Committee, saw something in that wisp of a dog that moved her. She took the little lady (and that became her name for a while) and began the rehabilitation process.

Several vet visits ensued before Lady went to stay at Lisa Reid's kennel, where she joined a club of Lisa-adoring canines. At adop-

tion days, which went on for months, Lady would sit quietly on a volunteer's lap. Lisa experimented with foods until she found the right formula that an almost toothless dog could handle, which also improved her skin condition. After several adoption day events, the little Chihuahua-Pomeranian mix was a new dog.

One of the visitors to a summer adoption day was a woman who had learned from friends about a little dog on the SPCA website – Lady, of course. Mrs. "T," who had never had a dog, wanted a small one that would enjoy sitting on the couch with her – a lap dog who would be her TV-watching pal. She applied to adopt Lady.



**Lady**  
doesn't look  
very good when she is first  
discovered by Barbara Cohen of  
SPCA NOVA.

The required home visit revealed an ideal environment for our little Lady: full run of the house, since she is housebroken, and a fenced backyard that is more than adequate for a dog her size.

Lady has since been renamed Coco, and Coco's "mom" reports that the new family member will sometimes have a "conversation" with the dog on the other side of the fence but doesn't have much interaction with other dogs when out for a walk. Coco prefers humans to canines. Chasing balls or a game of fetch are evidently beneath her dignity. Jumping on and off the couch is enough indoor exercise, thank you.

Her main interest is being just what Mrs. "T" wanted her to be – a loving lap dog and pal. Hmmm, "lap" spelled backwards is "pal," isn't it?



**Lady,**  
now  
known as  
Coco, is  
trans-  
formed  
after  
receiving  
proper  
care and  
being  
adopted by  
Mrs. "T."

# Surviving Life on the Street

♥ BY *Katie McHenry*

Whether you are looking for a suave, affectionate “ladies’ man” like Billy; a shy but sweet black cat like Biscuit #1; a hilariously rambunctious brown tabby cat like Biscuit #2; or a polite, friendly tuxedo like Ozzy, we may have the right cat for you! While these boys all have different personalities and need different types of homes, they do have one thing in common: they survived living as stray kitties on the streets where they became infected with FIV.

After being rescued, receiving appropriate vet care (including vaccinations, deworming, neutering, etc.) and moving to a strictly indoor lifestyle, these boys are waiting for homes of their own. And despite being FIV-positive, they are all expected to live nice long lives.

“So, what is FIV?” you ask. Feline immunodeficiency virus is a retrovirus (similar to HIV in humans) that affects between 1.5 and 3 percent of cats in the U.S., and which is transmitted primarily via bite wounds. That’s why outdoor, free-roaming, unneutered males are at the highest risk for becoming infected with

FIV, since they will fight with other cats over territory or females.

It’s important that FIV-positive cats live strictly indoors – away from sources of potential secondary infection and away from other cats with whom they may fight over territory. They also need to be neutered and receive proactive health care, especially for any infections that may be harder for their immune systems to address, such as gingivitis in their gums. FIV-positive cats can, however, live healthy lives for years after becoming infected. All four of our FIV-positive boys are expected to have long lives.

In honor of our current FIV kitties, we’re answering some frequently asked questions regarding this often-misunderstood disease.

## Q: Can FIV-positive cats transmit the virus to humans?

A: No, the feline immunodeficiency virus can only affect cats. Dogs, humans and all other non-feline species cannot be infected with FIV. This is why we sometimes try to pair an FIV-positive cat with a canine play-



mate – there is zero risk of FIV transmission to a dog! (You can learn more about bipetual adoption in our cover story.)

## Q: What are the ways in which cats transmit the virus?

A: The primary means of transmission is via deep bite wounds; an FIV transmission doesn’t stem from mating. The cats most likely to be infected by the FIV virus are unneutered males with access to the outdoors, since intact males are more likely to engage in aggressive fighting. In extremely rare instances, a pregnant FIV-positive mother cat can transmit the virus to her kittens.

## Q: How is FIV diagnosed?

A: Your vet can administer an ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) test. If there are any FIV-specific antibodies present, the

vet can assume that either (a) the cat is FIV-positive or (b) the cat has received an FIV vaccine (see next question).

Additionally, if a kitten is only a few months old and was born to an FIV-positive mother, he or she might test positive because an ELISA test only tests for the presence of antibodies rather than the presence of the virus itself. The mother cat passes on to her kittens these antibodies, which remain in her kittens’ systems until they are old enough to produce their own antibodies. However, as stated above, the chances of an FIV-positive mother passing on the virus to her kittens are very slim. If a kitten tests positive for FIV, he or she should be retested several months later. In many cases, a kitten who tested positive for FIV the first time around will test negative when older.

# Cats with FIV



SPCA NOVA is currently caring for four FIV-positive cats: Billy, Biscuit #1, Biscuit #2, and Ozzy.

## Q: Is there a vaccine to prevent FIV?

**A:** Yes, but because – like HIV in humans – there is more than one strain of FIV, and the vaccine is strain-specific, the vaccine isn't 100 percent effective. Additionally, any cat who has received the vaccine will test positive for FIV due to the presence of FIV-specific antibodies in his or her system.

## Q: What are the symptoms of FIV?

**A:** Four to six weeks after transmission, the cat will have enlarged lymph nodes, a fever, and a low white blood cell count. After this stage, the cat may appear healthy anywhere from months to 12 years later! FIV is a lentivirus – meaning it moves slowly – so once the virus gradually begins to take hold of a cat's immune system, he might experience symptoms that could include gum and mouth

inflammation, persistent fever, recurrent upper respiratory or urinary tract infections, diarrhea, emaciation, and, in some cases, dementia.

## Q: Is it okay for FIV-positive cats to live with uninfected cats?

**A:** Yes, FIV-positive cats can actually live with non-FIV-positive cats without risk of transmission so long as there is a stable social hierarchy in place with no fighting or rough play among the cats.

## Adopt an FIV Cat!

Now that you have a better understanding of FIV-positive cats, can you find a place in your heart (and home) to add one of these cats to your family?

If you're interested in adopting Billy, Biscuit #1 or #2, Ozzy, or any other cat in our care, visit our cat adoption page at [www.spcanova.org/adoption/catlist.php](http://www.spcanova.org/adoption/catlist.php).

## Cat Foster Parents Needed

**W**hy would anyone want to take in cats they don't know, bond with them, and then be asked to give them up? Because fostering homeless cats is an opportunity to save their lives.

People who choose to foster feel good knowing they are making a difference in the lives of innocent souls; that a few weeks, months, or more quickly turn into a rewarding, educational, challenging, and heart-felt experience they will never forget. While it's true that foster families can get very attached to their four-legged guests, they also find a special joy in sending these cats to loving forever homes and look forward to helping new homeless cats.

Since SPCA NOVA does not have a shelter facility, we rely on

volunteer foster parents to care for our rescued cats. Foster parents have the unique opportunity to personally help these cats heal both emotionally and physically from whatever trauma they have suffered.

While our busiest time of year is usually in the spring and summer when "kitten season" is in full swing, we currently need foster homes for adult cats – especially those who have special needs or are FIV-positive (like the cats in the other story on this page). Also, in the winter, we are inundated with requests to help friendly stray cats that are struggling to survive outdoors. We can't rescue them unless we have foster homes to house them temporarily.

SPCA NOVA provides training and basic supplies and pays all medical costs. If you think you have what it takes to be a foster parent, please submit a foster application on our website at: [www.spcanova.org/help/catfoster.php](http://www.spcanova.org/help/catfoster.php). There are few acts more heart-warming than helping to save the life of a loving, innocent cat in need.



Pockets is just one of our cats who currently needs a foster home.



# Gifts in Remembrance

SPCA NoVA welcomes donations made in memory or honor of someone special in your life. Please include the name and address of the person you would like notified of your donation, along with the name of the person or pet being remembered or honored.

## In Memory of

- ♥ **“Archie,” a beloved cat**  
~ Mary A Goodspeed
- ♥ **“Baxter” and Camden Beaupre**  
~ Alison Dixon
- ♥ **“Bentley”**  
~ Heather E & John Rainbolt
- ♥ **“Bibby”**  
~ Joan Shaffer
- ♥ **“Blitz” and “Angel”**  
~ Madison Blandford
- ♥ **“Boris” Stocker/McGovern**  
~ Catherine MCGovern
- ♥ **“Chance” Knaus**  
~ Andy & Chuck Miller
- ♥ **“Christopher” Whitehead**  
~ Dana Meeker
- ♥ **“Coby,” Polly’s sweet boy**  
~ Kathleen MacKinnon
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~ Cindy McDonald
- ♥ **“Dakota”**  
~ Andy & Chuck Miller
- ♥ **“Dieter,” our beloved cat Dieter (Dexter), SPCA NOVA 2012, whom we lost suddenly & too soon**  
~ Theodore & Sophia Allison
- ♥ **“Duncan” Ostrow**  
~ Maureen Gwinn
- ♥ **“Earle,” our sweet kitty girl**  
~ Julianne Chesky
- ♥ **“Fava Bean”**  
~ Dana Meeker  
~ Rick Townsend
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~ Charles Heimann
- ♥ **“Ginger”**  
~ Dana Meeker
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~ Stephanie Oberhaus
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~ Kenneth B Decoster & Susan Bloomfield
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- ♥ **“Jamie”**  
~ Dana Meeker  
~ Kristen Hoglund
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~ Marlene Robbins
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~ Michaelene Hitaffer
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~ Kevin Hall
- ♥ **Louie**  
~ Jamie Carter
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- ♥ **Sweet “Sophie” Jones**  
~ Bill, Cheryl & Courtney Shiflet
- ♥ **White kitty – gone too soon, loved beyond words**  
~ Stephanie Harper



## In Honor of

- ♥ **“Angie” and “Bonnie,”**  
SPCA alums formerly  
known as Kamikaze and  
Blondie  
~ Janice E Seeger & Cliff  
Shaw
- ♥ **“Bena” Rachid**  
~ Judy Clack
- ♥ **“Jetta”**  
~ Heather E & John Rainbolt
- ♥ **“Josie,” our SPCA dog**  
~ John & Nancy Handy
- ♥ **“Kelsey,” SPCA Alumnus,**  
adopted 2010  
~ Paula Slan
- ♥ **“Penny,” the chicken**  
~ Maeve & Ruby Jane Brady
- ♥ **“Qian” for her medical  
needs**  
~ Katie Pettus & Carmen  
Green
- ♥ **Ashley Kitty, who came  
from SPCA NOVA. She’s  
the best kitty ever. Thanks  
so much for rescuing her!**  
~ Jasmine Lee
- ♥ **Beryl Wade,  
Grandmother, for  
Mother’s Day**  
~ Richard Taylor
- ♥ **Carolyn Rae, Happy  
Belated Birthday**  
~ Renee O'Brien
- ♥ **Charlotte Harrison, on  
her 9th birthday**  
~ Kimya Bailey Cajchun  
~ Angela Rokaw
- ♥ **Comet Claydon & Kody  
Dixon**  
~ Lauren Wolfe
- ♥ **Debbie Armstrong**  
~ Scott Donovan
- ♥ **Ellen Ruland, for  
Mother’s Day**  
~ David Buckwalter
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~ Pamela Kearney
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my Parents**  
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- ♥ **Hillary Haag**  
~ Wendy Behn
- ♥ **J.T. Bock**  
~ Chris Prochaska
- ♥ **Jamie’s foster mom,  
Kristen**  
~ Dana Meeker
- ♥ **Jasmine P’s 9th birthday**  
~ Lisa Blevins  
~ Jamie Carter  
~ from Annie D, Carrie  
Donaldson
- ♥ **John Klenk, Jr.**  
~ John & Linda Klenk
- ♥ **Logan Cook**  
~ Kirsten Blakemore
- ♥ **Mabel Valentine, our  
beloved SPCA dog**  
~ David & Bonnie Sheehan
- ♥ **Marissa Perilla’s 6th  
birthday**  
~ Jamie Carter  
~ Kerry Turek
- ♥ **Marsha Miller, best “cat  
mom” to Ginger, Tippy,  
and Sasha Rose**  
~ Kathleen MacKinnon
- ♥ **Mark and Torie Weaver**  
~ Anonymous
- ♥ **Miss Theresa and Boo**  
~ Bethany Henderson
- ♥ **Mr. and Mrs. Daversa!**  
~ Samantha Colladay
- ♥ **My Mom on Mother’s Day**  
~ Amanda Lynch
- ♥ **Natalie Huttman – For her  
birthday :) Happy #1!**  
~ Glory Billman
- ♥ **Riley Roark**  
~ Karyn Roark
- ♥ **Samantha Alexander’s  
birthday**  
~ Keleigh Biggins
- ♥ **Sarah Rafi’s 6th birthday**  
~ from Allie, Pamela Larmee  
~ from Claire, Whitney  
Glaccum  
~ Adele Mouzon
- ♥ **Scott DeHaven, in thanks,  
artist, friend, & animal  
lover**  
~ Victoria Bourgeois
- ♥ **Sheryl Asen’s birthday**  
~ Kenneth Black
- ♥ **SPCA Volunteers**  
~ Barbara & Jerry Hanweck
- ♥ **SPCA Volunteers - For the  
support of finding my cat  
Junee**  
~ Nicole Pugh
- ♥ **Thank you for helping  
with the stray kitty**  
~ Roger & Deborah Searce
- ♥ **Wendy Berg’s 41st  
birthday, our dear friend!**  
~ Beth St James

# THANK YOU!



## SPCA NOVA Joins #GivingTuesday Campaign

**T**here is a day for giving thanks, two for getting deals, and now there is a global day dedicated to giving back called #GivingTuesday. On Tuesday, December 2, SPCA NOVA joined individuals and other organizations around the world to celebrate generosity.

Our goal was to raise \$15,000 in 24 hours to help rescue cats and dogs in northern Virginia. We want to thank everyone who supported us in this campaign. Our newsletter went to press before the event, so find out how we did on our website or our Facebook page.

# Special Thanks

**THANK YOU TO** the following corporations and their employees for their Employee Giving and Matching Gifts Programs:

- AARP
- Allstate Giving Campaign
- CA Technologies
- Dominion Resources
- Fannie Mae
- Freddie Mac
- Microsoft
- Morgan Stanley
- Red Hat Cares
- Wells Fargo

**THANK YOU TO** all of our supporters who contribute through workplace giving under:

- America's Charities
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
- Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC)
- Global Impact
- United Way

## **WE ARE GRATEFUL**

for the following bequests:

- Estate of Jeanette "Jan" Rogers, lover of animals
- Estate of Kathryn Walker
- Estate of Mary Louise Wood
- Estate of Moira Cowan

## **BEST FRIENDS OF**

Fairfax and their customers donated food, toys, treats, and cash.

## **REIT MANAGEMENT AND**

Research LLC made holiday charitable donations on behalf of their employees. Michael Oliva nominated the SPCA to receive a donation in honor of Lola, an SPCA pit bull alum.

**THE FOLKS AT** Pure Barre donated the cash paid by clients for bottles of water to the SPCA in May.

## **MORGAN STANLEY'S ANNUAL**

Appeal campaign gives employees the chance to make a difference in the communities where they live and work by contributing to charitable organization of their choice. In addition, Morgan Stanley allows its employees to select the charitable organizations that will receive gifts from Morgan Stanley's own Charitable Spending Account. We are honored to be among the recipients of employee gifts and to be selected to receive a portion of Morgan Stanley's charitable gifts.

## **OUR ADOPTION PARTNER,**

Pet Valu in Lovettsville, and their generous customers, donated almost \$1,200 to SPCA NOVA during their 4th Annual Pet Appreciation Weekend.

## **PATRICIA (PATSY)**

**LEININGER**, a fervent believer in the importance of spaying and neutering one's pets, once again donated all proceeds from the Canine Good Citizen certification tests she administers to our Spay Inc. program.

## **JAMIE DESIMONE,**

**OF** Keller Williams Capital Properties has pledged to donate \$250 after each settlement to an animal rescue group of the client's choosing. She calls the program "Homes for All!"

## **MIKAYLA AND SYDNEY**

held a bake sale at South Run Recreation Center to benefit SPCA NOVA. This was a project they devised, organized, and ran as a community service project for their 8th grade civics class at Lake Braddock Secondary School. They had some really great goodies because they raised more than \$145 to help our animals! That was some really impressive work. Way to go!

## **ENTREPRENEURS AND BUDDING**

marketing geniuses Lucy DuBois and Rachel Lesan set up summertime lemonade stands on five different occasions to raise money for SPCA NOVA. They even dressed up in different costumes in the summer heat to promote the sales! In September, they came to Weber's to present the proceeds - more than \$110. A very impressive effort from two enterprising young ladies. After making the presentation, Lucy and Rachel had fun with some of the SPCA dogs awaiting adoption. The dogs thanked them too.

## **JORDAN FARQUHAR AND**

Christine Wittich led a pet supply donation drive at West Springfield High School. One fine dog adoption day, they delivered a carload bursting with food, cat litter, toys, leashes, beds, towels, scratching posts, bowls, and treats. Then Jordan went one step further and entered a photo of herself with the carload of supplies in Rosenthal Automotive's Selfless Selfie contest. We didn't win, but people loved Jordan's good work and voted for her.

## **LUCIA NOTO, EIGHT**

years old, spent several months raising money for the SPCA animals. She sold lemonade, cookies, and recycled goods (toys and books she was no longer playing with). She came to a dog adoption at Weber's and personally shopped for the items that our dogs use and then presented them to us. Lucia doesn't have any pets at home but loves all animals and enjoyed visiting with the dogs. She was especially fond of Tess.

## **YOUNG MINA**

**DINESON** asked the guests at her birthday party to bring gifts, not for her, but for homeless cats and dogs. They obliged in spades! In September, her mom delivered food, dog and cat beds, toys, and cash.

## **BEGINNING IN 2015,**

longtime Spay Inc.-participating veterinarian Sunshine Animal Hospital will donate \$5 to Spay Inc. for every client that selects Sunshine for their pet's spay or neuter.

## **ANNA AND MOLLY**

Hill and friends in their neighborhood made lemonade from scratch and baked chocolate chip cookies to sell. They donated a portion of the sales to the SPCA because they love animals and the idea of helping rescues.

## **PETCO FOUNDATION, ITS**

customers, and associates gave generously during the Tree of Life and Spring-a-Pet 2014 fundraisers.

**YES!**

I want to help rescue animals in Northern Virginia.

Your tax-deductible donation to **SPCA of Northern Virginia** makes it possible for us to rescue animals in need, provide them with shelter and nutritious food, medical care, training, and nurturing care, all in preparation for adoptions into homes of their own. Thank you for being a force for animal welfare with your generosity!



# Give a Homeless Animal A Second Chance



### Membership (one year):

- Associate Membership – \$10
- Active/Voting Membership – \$20

### Donation Amount:

- \$25     \$50     \$75
- \$100     \$250     \$500
- Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Memorial Gifts:

- In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_
- In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me information on how to leave a bequest to SPCA NOVA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sign me up for your:     e-Newsletter     Print Newsletter

Make checks payable to **SPCA of Northern Virginia** and mail to:  
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If your company participates with the United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), designate donation to “Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Northern Virginia.”



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If your company participates with the America’s Charities Campaign, you can donate to the SPCA of Northern Virginia, #19137.

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## No Tricks; Plenty of Treats at Fall Adoption Event

A pack of SPCA NOVA pups got into the Halloween spirit at an October adoption event held at Weber’s Pet Supermarket in Fairfax. These furry celebrants showed off their alter egos while visiting with SPCA NOVA alumni and meeting potential families on a beautiful fall afternoon: (left to right) Stanley as a jester, Maximus as a lobster, Abigail as a pirate, Max as a tree frog, Lucy as another jester, and Buddy as a cow.

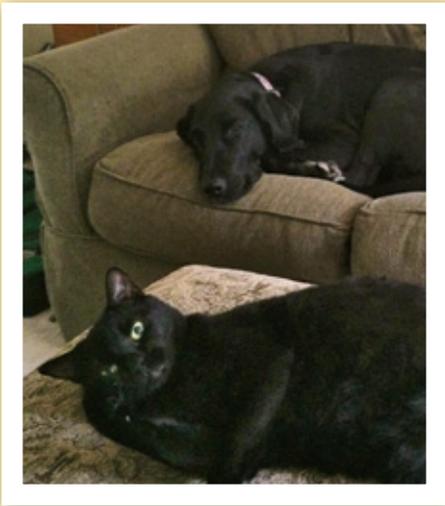




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